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In re Application of: Rumpf et al.

Examiner: Stuart L. Hendrickson

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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL**

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Sir:

This Amendment is in response to the final Office Action dated March 2, 2004, for which the Examiner has set a three-month period for response, thus making the response due on or before June 2, 2004.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.